

STERNE KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX, P.L.L.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

SUITE 600

1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005-3934

(202) 371-2600

FACSIMILE: (202) 371-2540

ROBERT GREENE STERNE
EDWARD J. KESSLER
JORGE A. GOLDSTEIN
SAMUEL L. FOX
DAVID K.S. CORNWELL
ROBERT W. ESMOND
TRACY-GENE G. DURKIN
MICHELE A. CIMBALA
MICHAEL B. RAY
ROBERT E. SOKOHL
ERIC K. STEFFE
ANDREA G. REISTER

WILLIAM C. ALLISON V
MICHAEL O. LEE
G. KEVIN TOWNSEND*
JOHN M. COVERT*
ANNE BROWN
LINDA E. ALCORN
RAZ E. FLESHNER
ROBERT C. MILLONIG
STEVEN R. LUDWIG
MICHAEL V. MESSINGER
LORI L. KERBER*
JUDITH U. KIM*

KEITH KIND*
TIMOTHY J. SHEA, JR.*
DONALD R. MCPHAIL
PATRICK E. GARRETT*
JEFFREY W. RENNECKER
BARBARA A. PARVIS
MICHAEL A. RAHMAN*
STEPHEN G. WHITESIDE*
NOEL B. WHITLEY*
RICK A. TOERING*
JEFFREY T. HELVEY*

DONALD J. FEATHERSTONE**
LAWRENCE B. BUGAISKY**
KAREN R. MARKOWICZ**
KIMBERLIN M. TOOHEY**

*BAR OTHER THAN D.C.

**REGISTERED PATENT AGENTS

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 371-2667

INTERNET ADDRESS:

mikem@skgf.com

September 4, 1997

Box Patent Application

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. *to be assigned*; Filed: September 4, 1997
For: **Method and System for Modular Multiplexing and
Amplification in a Multi-Channel Plan**

Inventor: Viet Le *et al.*

Our Ref: RIC-96-153

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method and System for Modular Multiplexing and
Amplification in a Multi-Channel Plan**

and naming as inventors:

Viet Le and Xiaoping Mao

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks

September 4, 1997

Page 2

the application consisting of:

a. A specification containing:

- (i) 15 pages of description prior to the claims;
- (ii) 15 pages of claims (40 total claims and 5 independent claims); and
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;

b. 4 sheets of formal drawings: (Figures 1-4); and

c. An original, executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;

2. Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate);
3. Cover letter for Assignment (Form PTO-1595);
4. An original, executed Assignment to **MCI Communications Corporation**, recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
5. Three (3) return post cards; and
6. Please charge to MCI Deposit Account No. 13-2491 for \$1,410.00 to cover:

\$770.00 Filing fee for patent application;

\$440.00 Claim fee for claims in excess of twenty;

\$160.00 Claim fee for independent claims in excess of three; and

\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

It is respectfully requested that, of the three attached post cards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcards, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned to the addressees as soon as possible.

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
September 4, 1997
Page 3

Please send correspondence in this case to the following address:

MCI Communications Corporation
Law and Public Policy
Technology Department
1133 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Please direct telephone calls to:

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.
1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to MCI Deposit Account No. 13-2491. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Michael V. Messinger
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 37,575

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.
1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934

Attorney Docket No. RIC-96-153

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of
Inventors: Viet Le *et al.*

66534 U.S. PTO
08/923461
09/04/97

For: **Method and System for Modular Multiplexing and Amplification in a Multi-Channel Plan**

Enclosed are:

- 4 sheets of formal drawings.
- An assignment of the invention to MCI Communication Corporation
- Form PTO-1595.
- A certified copy of a _____ application.
- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Executed Power of Attorney from Assignee
- Executed Declaration for Patent Application.
- An original, executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	40 -20 =	20
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -3 =	2
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		

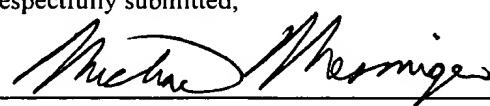
*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEES
	\$385.00
x 11 =	
x 40 =	
+ 130 =	
TOTAL	

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
OR	RATE
OR	770.00
OR	20 x 22 = 440.00
OR	2 x 80= 160.00
OR	+ 260 =
OR	TOTAL \$1,370.00

- Please charge MCI Deposit Account No. 13-2491 in the amount of \$1,410.00 (including \$40.00 for assignment recordation fee). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the _____ fee is enclosed.
- The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to MCI Deposit Account No. 13-2491. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to MCI Deposit Account No. 13-2491. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17
 - The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
 - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,


 Michael V. Messinger
 Registration No. 37,575

9/4/97

(Date)